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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, PN, GW
SUBJECT: FRG SUPPORT FOR NEW PANAMA TREATIES

REFS: (A) STATE 215193; (B) BONN 14580; (C) MOATS/
CASAGRANDE TELCON 9/7/77 (D) BONN 14525
SUMMARY: CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAS NOW SENT A PERSONAL
MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER EXPRESSING HIS DEEP
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SATISFACTION AT THE SIGNATURE OF THE PANAMA CANAL
TREATIES. MESSAGE IN FORM OF TELEGRAM WAS SENT
EVENING SEPTEMBER 8. DELAY IS ATTRIBUTED TO HIGH-LEVEL
PREOCCUPATION WITH SCHLEYER KIDNAPPING CASE. TEXT OF
SCHMIDT/CARTER TELEGRAM FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY.

1. ON SEPTEMBER 5, PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR BROSTELLA

CALLED ON FONOFF CHIEF OF PROTOCOL UNDER INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUESTED THE FRG TO SEND A CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON THE OCCASION OF SIGNING CEREMONY. HE ADDED THE PERSONAL OBSERVATION THAT SUCH A MESSAGE WOULD NOT BE UNWELCOMED IN PANAMA AS WELL.

2. THIS PANAMANIAN REQUEST PARALLELED FRG THINKING (REPORTED REF D) AND THE FONOFF UNDERTOOK TO GAIN THE CHANCELLOR'S CONCURRENCE. HOWEVER, WITH BOTH FONMIN GENSCHER AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT TOTALLY PREOCCUPIED WITH SCHLEYER KIDNAPPING, IT WAS NOT UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER 8 THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT COULD GIVE THE MATTER HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION.

3. TEXT OF CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT CARTER FOLLOWS (INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION):

BEGIN TEXT

THE SIGNING OF THE PANAMA AGREEMENT FILLS ME WITH DEEP SATISFACTION. I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.

THE AGREEMENT IS OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE FOR YOUR COUNTRY'S RELATIONS WITH PANAMA. IT OPENS THE ROAD TOWARD A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF AN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM.
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ITS SIGNIFICANCE, HOWEVER, IS NOT LIMITED TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. EVEN MORE, THE AGREEMENT IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN GUARANTEEING THE TRADE AND TRAVEL LINKS BETWEEN THE NATIONS IN OUR EVER MORE INTERDEPENDENT WORLD. MAY THE AGREEMENT SERVE PEACE AND DEEPEN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

HELMUT SCHMIDT
FEDERAL CHANCELLOR

END TEXT

4. A SIMILAR TELEGRAM WAS SENT TO PANAMANIAN HEAD OF STATE TORRIJOS. ACCORDING TO THE FONOFF, TEXTS OF BOTH TELEGRAMS WILL BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY IN THE FRG "BULLETIN." THE FONOFF HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE RECIPIENT OF SUCH AN OFFICIAL TELEGRAM MAKING ITS CONTENTS PUBLIC.
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